



Phyllis Graham

heads job placement service

Survey results are compiled

By Linda Lockwood

Results of the student center preference survey taken November 12 and 13 were presented to the Long Range Planning Committee Wednesday by Norman Dolch, sociology instructor.

The facilities which ranked highest in a combined estimate of student-faculty preferences were a snack bar (85 per cent), a bookstore (80 per cent), reading lounge and study area (73.5 per cent), meeting rooms (68 per cent) and a post office (65 per cent).

Facilities listed in the second quartile of the survey were a television lounge (63 per cent), billiard tables (59.3 per cent), office area (59 per cent), card and chess tables (59 per cent), table tennis (58 percent), information desk (55 per cent) and a large ballroom (55 per cent).

Fifteen percent of the student body participated voluntarily in this survey, 50 percent of the faculty and 25 percent of the campus organizations which ranged from various student clubs to University administrative offices.

In addition, a random sample of 200 students was selected from current computer lists of students enrolled in each college. These non-voluntary participants were contacted by telephone, said Dolch.

The social research class (sociology 285), instructed by Dolch, analyzed the data obtained from the survey.

Organizations filling out forms said they would like to have facilities to accommodate 25-60 people for committee meetings and facilities to accommodate 100-300 persons for dinners or special meetings.

"Deciding on the facilities to be included in the University Center is a monumental task," according to Dolch.

"Hopefully, the information from the survey will help the committee decide on facilities to be included in the center," he added.

Dolch again stressed that the survey was not a vote. "It will only provide the Long Range Planning Committee some basis on which to make decisions."

A sub-committee, made up of members on the Long Range Planning Committee, will now study the results and submit a recommendation of exactly what should be included in the center.

The sub-committee will also decide how large each facility should be.

While making the final decisions, Chancellor Donald E. Shipp said the committee should consider the amount of space, approximately 70,000 sq. ft., and the amount of money, \$3.4 million, allotted for the center's construction.

To assist graduates

Placement office here

By Linda Lockwood

A placement office has been formed on campus to help place graduates in jobs.

Phyllis Blackwell Graham has been appointed director of the placement office, according to Fabia E. Thomas, LSUS registrar.

Graham has started a permanent file on each graduating senior which contains a transcript of grades, a resume and letters of recommendation.

When graduates apply for jobs they can request, free of charge, that the placement office send a copy of their file to prospective employers.

These files are kept on record for graduates future use.

"It (the placement office) is going to grow tremendously. We will be the only college placement service in Shreveport," said Graham who has been supervisor of student records in the LSUS Office of the Registrar since July 1967.

"A college placement service is a standard service found on any college campus and it's time we started one," said Chancellor Donald E. Shipp.

"It (the placement office) acts as an agency to bring employers to students," he added.

Statistics compiled

Graham will provide the placement center with current information about the demand in new and continuing curricula and will compile statistics on the availability of graduates locally, statewide and nationally.

A career library and a store of employer literature will also be available for student and faculty use.

In an attempt to gain employment information and statistics, the placement director will join various placement organizations such as the La. Council of Placement Officers and the Southwest Placement Association.

Other functions of the placement service will be to provide on-campus interviews with employers and to make current job listings and employer literature available to students.

"We plan to place every graduate who wants to be placed," said Graham. "We will attempt to place them in something they are trained for or something they like."

"We will not accomplish all our goals overnight," said Thomas.

Human power available

"We have to educate employers as to what human power we have and we have to educate students as to what jobs are available in the local area," she added.

Many graduating seniors said they were very excited about the new placement office.

"I'm just glad to know someone else, besides my father, cares if I get a job," one LSUS senior said.

Lots of students are lost when they graduate. They may have a degree, but they wonder what they can do with it," commented Graham.

"We are here to help students use their degrees to their best advantage," she explained.

Placement offices serve many specific functions but their main goal is to create a bridge between the world of work and education, according to Graham.

Beach resigns office

By Keenan Gingles
and
Randy Griffith

The Mr. and Miss LSUS contest is still running, but the man who put it all together called it quits Tuesday.

Randal M. Beach, SGA community and government affairs director, resigned his office citing irreconcilable differences between himself and SGA president Tony Sanders. He also said the he resigned because some might consider his nomination for Mr. LSUS as a conflict of interest.

Sanders, who termed the election a "farce," said there should have been nominating procedures for the contest.

"Let the names speak for themselves," he said, pointing out the fact that most of the nominees are involved in student government. "To let the faculty choose the nominees would be the wisest course and would give the broadest spectrum of students," he continued.

The SGA president was asked if he officially sanctioned the election. He said that he had given the go ahead for the contest, but because of the nominating procedures, is now against it. Beach later accused Sanders of not being in favor of the election because he wasn't nominated for Mr. LSUS.

Sanders earlier said that someone had offered to nominate him, but he had declined.

Beach defended the contest's nominating procedures saying "anybody on campus could nominate anyone else on campus." Nominations for the affair were held Nov. 18-22.

Concerning his resignation, Beach said it "has been coming for a long time . . . There are limits to what I can take. I don't like people who take credit for other people's work."

Beach accused Sanders of appointing him to the office in order to "pacify" him so that he "wouldn't give him (Sanders) any hell this semester."

The feud between the two officials has been brewing since they opposed each other last spring in a bitterly fought SGA presidential election. Following the outcome, Sanders appointed Beach to the office as part of his executive committee.

Sanders, reached at home by telephone at press time, said he was "kind of disappointed" to hear of Beach's

resignation. He said, however, that he had expected more concrete developments out of the office.

As to the now vacant office, Sanders said he would maintain it as an executive position and would be nominating someone to fill it. He indicated that he would be happy for Beach to provide the department with any help that he could.

Meanwhile, the contest will wrap up today as twelve male and female students seek the positions of Mr. and Miss LSUS. Winners will be featured in the Bagatelle, the LSUS yearbook, and will act as official representatives for the school in the community, Beach said.

The contestants for Miss LSUS are: Rebel Brown, Rosetta Gregorio, Cheryl Holmes, Marilyn Kolonko and Pat Powell.

Running for Mr. LSUS are: Randy Beach, John Meier, Steve Primos, Tommy Starkey, Marvin Stree, David Towns and Sam Wellborn.

TO THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY:

The end of the Fall semester marks another step toward our goal of becoming a full-fledged four-year campus. I do not need to remind you that our Spring semester will be an important one for us. In February, we will have a final visit from an Accreditation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and in May we will have our first formal graduation exercises. More than 300 bachelor-degree candidates will be securing degrees at this ceremony.

During the semester break and Christmas season, many of you will be making trips to visit family and friends. You are urged to exercise caution in your travel so that your holidays may be happy ones. We wish each of you the best during the coming holiday season.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Shipp
Chancellor

Give Christmas a meaning

By Linda Lockwood

"Americans have forgotten the meaning of Christmas."

This is an overused cliche. I contend that most 20th century Americans have not forgotten the meaning of Christmas because they never knew the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is giving of one's self, time, energy and sometimes — but not always — money.

Christmas is the day Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday. This is suppose to be a day of thanksgiving and glory. A day we practice giving to others as God gave his son to us.

Instead of a day of giving, December 25 has become a day of trading. Aunt Joe gave me a \$10 blouse last year so I will give her a \$10 purse this year. Bill is going to give me a \$30 necklace, so I'll give him a \$30 coat.

Christmas morning dawns as a child toddles to the tinsel-covered tree and bitterly screams "Santa didn't bring me a bike!" For that child the day is ruined and the other brightly wrapped gifts go unnoticed.

Several years ago I became disillusioned with Christmas when I gave a six-year-old boy a shiny toy. He opened the gift, closely inspected it and said, "I already have one of these and I

don't like it." It was then that I decided there had to be more to Christmas.

This December I challenge you to put more meaning into your Christmas. Instead of making it a trading holiday between friends, make it a holiday of giving love and gifts to someone who really needs it.

There are hundreds of children in the city whose families can't afford a tree, a Christmas dinner or a toy. Call a

local minister, policeman or social welfare worker and seek out the name of someone less fortunate than yourself.

Then make or buy a present, collect some canned goods or buy a turkey and experience the feeling of giving.

One warning — don't expect anything in return, except a smile from a grateful child and the satisfaction of knowing the true meaning of Christmas.

(See related story on page 6.)



Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for some action on the part of our student body. I would like for as many students as possible to read Jack Olsen's book, "Slaughter the Animals, Poison the Earth," which is available in our Library. This book documents the wholesale slaughter by a variety of methods of a wide variety of carnivorous animals which live in our western states.

Strangely enough, this slaughter is being perpetrated by the very organization which one would think would be assigned the task of protecting our wildlife. This organization is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ably assisted by comparable agencies of the

states of Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, and to a lesser degree, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico.

If the fact that this killing takes place is not enough to move one, consider the methods: hunting for predatory animals from airplanes and helicopters, wholesale distribution of poisoned baits from airplanes, baited carcasses and an ingenuous device called a coyote getter. Among the poisons used are strichnine and 1080. The most often used poison is 1080 which is toxic enough to kill several animals in a food chain, not biodegradable for long periods of time, and of course, extremely cruel.

Not only are predators, coyotes, eagles, owls and wolves killed; so are animals which may eat their bodies:

weasels, mink, ferrets and many other fur-bearers.

If we are interested enough in our wildlife to preserve them so that our children may someday have the pleasure of seeing some of these animals somewhere besides a zoo, then we must take definitive action, and we must do it now. Without this action, the governmental agencies will continue to use these methods of predator control (which, incidentally, is not necessary anyway). If you are interested enough to assist in stopping this heinous practice, please join me in writing your federal representative and senators calling for an in-depth study by some reputable, non-governmental agency as to whether or not predator control is even necessary, and if so, surely some better method could be found.

Larry A. Dye

To the Editor:

I want to correct some ambiguous points in the article "Center to Open" in the November 22 issue. First, the rape crisis center has been incorporated as Women Against Rape. The Shreveport-Bossier National Organization for Women was instrumental in organizing the center, but the center will be an independent organization.

Second, the prime focus of the center will be to counsel rape victims, with information and prevention as two other important goals. Information about unreported rape will be useful in the accomplishment of the goals.

Third, experts indicate that the actual rape rate is four to ten times higher than the reported rape rate.

Fourth, I said that rape is the only crime in which the victim is also victimized by society.

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Library hours short

By Patti Kasselman

A person can't help but notice how really nice the library staff is. I have been in the library on several occasions needing everything from a road map to a back issue of the Shreveport Times and have received fast, courteous service every time. Everyone from student helpers on up is really friendly and knowledgeable, an example workers in some other campus offices should take note of.

I do have one complaint, however. Library hours should be expanded, especially on weekends. Centenary's library, which serves 600 students, is open Saturday from 1-5 and Sunday from 2-10. In contrast, LSUS's library, which serves 3000 students, is open 2-5 on Sundays. Weekday hours should be expanded, too. An extension from 9:30 to 10 or even 11 o'clock would be greatly beneficial.

This would help students in two ways. First, day students who travel home to eat supper and then come back would have much more time to research and study. By the time a day student eats supper and drives back to the library, it is often 7 p.m. or later. Two hours is not a lot of time to study. Secondly, night students would have an extra hour or so to use the library after their classes dismissed for the evening. As the library schedule stands now, it's a wonder if night students are able to obtain any research material for their classes.

If library hours can't be expanded on a permanent basis, perhaps they can be increased for the last three weeks of classes each semester. If the number of students flocking to the library last Sunday is any indication, extended hours would be welcomed by a majority of LSUS students. And, as research papers come due and exams loom in the near future, students will need all the help (and quiet) they can get.

This is the last edition of the Almagest for this semester. Several of our staffers will be leaving the Almagest with the end of the semester. To them, we extend our many thanks and best wishes. Almagest will resume publication Jan. 17, 1975.

We also wish to thank the various campus offices and departments for contacting us on newsworthy events, and solicit their continued cooperation in the coming spring semester. Almagest would also like to hear any constructive criticism from students and faculty alike that would contribute to the betterment of the newspaper.

Keenan C. Gingles
Editor-in-chief

Jeff Amoeba defended

By Hector Plasmic

Hi! No, this ain't Jeff Amoeba, this is me. I must, however, defend my very good friend Jeff, whom I someday even hope to meet, from that very nasty letter to the editor (such rhyme!) which appeared in the last issue of the Allerest (or whatever).

First off, what's this bit about Jeff's "futile attempt at humor"? I happen to think he's a very futile person (did I say that right?).

Oh, here's something I really would like to know about — "many married women do go out..." Please tell me 1. do their husbands ever find out? and 2. if not, what are the names, addresses, etc.?

Now we come to a point where I must agree with our libber-letter writers. Jeff, you should realize that women are turned off by lines like, "I think I love you!" Don't show hesitancy; be firm; come right out and say, "I know I love you!" And as for letting the girls ask us guys out, well, if either of the authors of that letter care to come up to the Almagest office and inquire, there's this movie I'd like to see, but I don't have the money...

It's true that looking like Paul Newman isn't everything, but speaking as someone who looks like his brother, Alfred E., I have to say it sure helps!

That's all, folks! To quote a certain protozoa, "arivedorky!"



Campus Briefs

Gothard elected

Dr. Donita Gothard, assistant professor of psychology, was elected vice chairman of the Northwest Louisiana Psychological Society, a group which includes all members of the Psychology Department.

Dr. Gothard, along with Vaughn Stagg, instructor of psychology, also represented LSUS at a careers day at St. Vincent's Academy.

Toys for Tots

A reminder from the DOM: the collection of toys for underprivileged children will continue through the finals. Other items such as shoes and clothing are also needed. All items can be deposited in the decorated boxes located throughout the campus.

Sports editor needed

The Almagest needs a full-time sports editor to work in a paid position on the staff. Applicants must have afternoons available. If interested, please come by the Almagest office, room 328 in the Liberal Arts Building, or see Dr. Robert Russell in room 316 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Eta Omega

Three new members of the Eta Omega colony of Zeta Tau Alpha were pledged recently: Carla Harper, Anita Rogers and Charlene Woodward.

Also, Lisa Lorenzin, field secretary for the colony, spent the week of Nov. 10 - Nov. 16 working with the group.

Writing contest

The College Writer's Association of Louisiana is again accepting original manuscripts for its annual contest. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded next Spring in these categories: short story, poetry, Louisiana poetry, one-act plays, formal essay, personal essay and feature articles. All interested students contact Dr. Justin Kidd, room 243 in the Liberal Arts Building.

Leadership conf.

There will be a Student Council Leadership Conference for all area high schools today in the Science Lecture Auditorium from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Three subjects are to be covered: policies governing student organizations (the Caddo-Bossier School Board policies); community service projects; and money-making projects.

The guest speakers will be Charles Crowden, president of the Caddo Teachers Association (CTA), Bill Robinson, vice president CTA and Floyd Henderson, sponsor of the Woodlawn High School student council.

Profs. take trip

Dr. Laurence M. Hardy and Dr. Robert R. Haynes, recently took a five-day trip to Mexico to study plants and animals of a remote mountain region.

Dr. Haynes, assistant professor of biological sciences, collected plants from a tropical forest near Gomez Farias in southern Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Dr. Hardy, associate professor of biological sciences, collected amphibian and reptile species as part of his research on various Mexican snakes.

Profs. attend conf.

Shirley S. Brown, chairman of the department of foreign languages, and Dr. Currie K. Thompson, assistant professor of Spanish, attended the first joint meeting of three national foreign language organizations last Nov. 27-30 in Denver, Colo.

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), the American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL), and the American Association of Teachers of French.

Brown and Thompson also attended two pre-conferences workshops sponsored by the AATSP and the ACTFL on Nov. 25-26.

Staff party

The Second Annual faculty, administrative and staff Christmas Party will be at noon Dec. 20 on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building. The covered dish luncheon will include a \$1 charge to cover the cost of turkey, punch, etc. Those who plan to attend may give their money to one of the following: Doris Flagler (Library 277), Sandra Brown (Science 114-A) and Eleanor Cullick (Liberal Arts 330).

Prof. presents papers

Dr. Selveston Jimes, associate professor of biological sciences, presented two papers at a Louisiana American Medical Technology Society meeting recently.

Sickle Cell Drive

There will be a Sickle Cell Anemia drive tomorrow in local shopping centers. Any student who would like to participate should contact Billy J. Johnson at 868-2580.

Address changes

The following entry regarding address changes has been made in the 1975-76 catalog:

At the time of registration, a student is expected to give his permanent mailing address. In the event of a change in address he must immediately notify the Office of the Registrar. Notices of the change will then be routed to the appropriate offices. The student is responsible for all communications sent to him at the address currently on file in the office of the University.

Black organization

There will be a meeting of the Afro Academic Association, a new black organization on campus, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. at 3914 Lillian. All interested students are asked to attend.

Campus day care center may become reality here

By Linda Lockwood

A majority of the 1200 married students attending LSUS have children.

What to do with the children when they go to classes is one of the problems the parent-students say they face while attempting to obtain their degree.

In an attempt to help solve this problem, David Towns, director of the Office of Special Research, has begun to investigate the possibility of creating a day care center on campus.

"Obtaining a building to house the center is the principle obstacle right now," according to Chancellor Donald E. Shipp, who said he was in full support of creating a day care service.

Meeting the state requirements to gain a day care license is another problem LSUS would have to solve, said Towns.

But all of the requirements can be satisfactorily met if the students who have children are interested enough to organize, gain community support and seek out a way to obtain financial aid to purchase a building, he explained.

"The day care center would also be open to staff and faculty children so we encourage these employees to aid in gaining support for the center," he added.

Several other schools in the state have campus day care centers which are beneficial to the students and the universities, according to school administrators.

The University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) in Lafayette has had a campus center for several years and strongly encourages other universities to follow their pattern.

The USL day care center began when the administration donated an army barrack which was remodeled into a children's center.

Fifty-five children attend USL's center and it costs \$15 a week. The average rate for local day care centers here is \$25 a week.

Financial support for the USL center is provided by the Student Government Association (SGA) and a small allotment from the student's

tuitions.

The center also serves as a learning lab for USL education majors who earn classwork credit by working with the children.

In addition, university officials say it enables many parents to attend college who otherwise could not afford to come.

If LSUS forms a day care center it will have to meet all the state requirements, which include having a full-time director, a registered nurse and adequate facilities.

Also, each child is required to have his own cot, one hot, balanced meal a day, snacks and specific types of toys.

In addition, each child must have 35 sq. feet of play room inside the building and 75 sq. feet of space in the playground.

A fenced playground containing a swing set, slide and sandbox are also required for state certification.

Anyone interested in supporting a campus day care center should contact David Towns in room 120 of the Liberal Arts Building.



Students have expressed a need for a campus day care center. (photo: Irvin Schueler)

Budget expands

The Student Government Association (SGA) budget has recently been expanded by Chancellor Donald E. Shipp, according to Tony Sanders, SGA president.

Although SGA requested \$1875, Shipp compromised to \$1400.

"The purpose of the increase was to help the association carry out the program for the remainder of the year," Sanders added.

He also said that \$800 will be spent for travel and reserved for lobbying for health and physical education facilities. Three hundred dollars will be used for secretaries and the additional money will be for supplies and general expenses.

The book store will buy back books on Dec. 13 and 14.

'Twas the night before finals ...

By Patti Kasselman

'Twas the night before finals, and through the library
Not a person was stirring, and no one was merry;
The exams were locked in cabinets with care,
In hopes that professors would please leave them there;
The students were buried all deep in their books,
Giving anyone who whispered a dirty look;
And he with his no-doz, and I with my tea,
Had sat up studying 'till a quarter past three,
When out in the mall there arose such a clatter,
I waddled from my chair, (since I'd gotten fatter).
Away to the glass doors I walked in a rush,
The handle fell off and my toe was crushed.
The glistening sun on the sidewalks below
Was as close as we got to new-fallen snow,
When I lifted my head and took a peek,
I could have sworn I saw someone streak.
It was a student—so cheerful and fast,
I thought to myself—"he must have passed!"
Faster than pistons his legs as he came,
As he shouted his courses, each by its name;
No Physics! no English! no Microbiology!
No Speech! no Spanish! no Social Psychology!
To the middle of the garden! Then down off the wall!
The next thing I knew he was there in the mall!
His eyes—they were bloodshot! His nose—how it ran!
And all over he had a Coppertone tan!
He stood there transfixed, he made not a sound,
And when I had courage, I turned around;
By then he had run, to the snack shack no less,
And what would be next was anyone's guess;
He was kicking and screaming, his money—he'd lost it!
Poor fellow—he wanted to buy some hot chocolate!
Then, streaking away in his argyle socks,
He cursed as he hit the gravel pit rocks.
He sprang in his car, and I heard as he hollered,
"This +\\$ ticket will cost me two dollars!"
And as he drove off, he said with a leer,
"So long you flunkies, I graduate this year!"

Grads offered aid for research expenses

If you're already a graduate student, but have a different kind of academic-financial need, namely, getting to and using an expensive, unusual facility at another campus for doctoral or research work, The Southern Regional Education (SREB) may have the answer to your problem.

The Small Grants Program, launched in September with a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, provides access to uncommon, usually very expensive facilities, such as the hundreds listed in the Board publication, Catalog of Un-

common Facilities in Southern Universities.

Faculty members and doctoral students in the natural sciences are eligible for these grants, which cover expenses for short-term travel and operational costs of facilities, ranging from a pulse laser to a geothermal measurements laboratory.

Inquiries about the Small Grants Program should be directed to Dr. William Hovenden, SREB, 130 Sixth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30313.



Mister J's Tobacco House has a complete selection of smoker's supplies from over the world—and can handle all your needs on a Christmas list . . .

Santa's gifts can be dangerous

By Keenan Gingles

The U.S. Public Health Service estimates that 700,000 children are injured each year as a result of accidents from toys.

There are Federal and State laws regarding safety standards but nevertheless many potentially dangerous toys are being sold, so it's wise to check before buying.

Avoid toys that have sharp edges and protrusions, such as a bird with a pointed beak that can be jabbed in your child's eyes.

—Remove any splinters or projecting nails from boxes or other equipment before giving them to your child. Select toys with rounded edges and smooth surfaces.

—Make sure that plastic is used and not plate glass in toy car, truck, or airplane windows.

—Avoid toys that are poorly constructed, like a rattle that could break apart and free little balls for the child to swallow and noise makers and squeaker toys with metal mouth pieces or squeakers that fall out.

—Avoid toys that have detachable parts, such as button eyes that your child can put in his ears, nose, or mouth. Dolls with embroidered or firmly glued eyes are safer.

—Check to see that stuffed toys are filled with hygienic material that is washable and can be changed.

—Avoid dolls with fluffy trimmings that the child can pull off and put in his mouth.

—Look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) seal on electrical toys. It shows that the toy has been tested for safety of its electrical parts.

—When painting a child's crib or toys, use only paints that are labeled "lead free," or "non-toxic." These paints will not contain antimony, arsenic, cadmium, mercury, selenium or soluble barium which could be harmful to your child.

Since not all paints are so labelled, look for and use only those that are marked: "Conforms to American standard Z66.19: For use on surfaces that might be chewed by children."

—Although there is no specific age when a child starts using playground equipment, skates, bikes or other outdoor toys, he should be old enough to know the dangers of such equipment and be taught to follow certain rules.

—Bicycles, tricycles, or sleds should not be used where there is traffic, and should be used carefully in areas where other children are at play.

—Roller skates should be taken off before crossing the street.

You, as a parent should see to it that swings and other playground equipment are firmly placed in the ground away from walls and fences, and out of the direct line of automobile or pedestrian traffic. The equipment should be the right size for the child and assembled according to the directions of the manufacturer.

How you care for your child's toys is almost as important as the selection of his toys. Many accidents are the result of carelessness and could have been avoided if certain procedures were taken. A few things to remember are:

—Don't leave indoor toys outdoors overnight. Rain or dew could damage the toy and increase the chance of accidents.

—There should be a special place for a child to keep his toys. They should be stored on toy shelves or in a box or chest or special room or area where they cannot easily be damaged or cause someone to trip over them.

—As soon as your child is able to walk and move about, he can usually be trained to put his toys away.

—Broken toys are hazardous and should be discarded. Arms of dolls or stuffed animals, for example, are often attached by sharp pieces of metal that could be injurious to your child.

Your child's age will serve as a general guide in helping you select his toys. Manufacturers have marked many toys by age or level of skill to help you make your selections.

Toys should be kept separate for each age group, as an older child's toys might be harmful to a younger child.

Any toy can be unsafe if given to the wrong child, to a child at the wrong age, or when it is misused.

Political class taught with modern approach

By Patricia S. Wilkins

Want the answers to all the world's problems? You won't find them in Political Science 427 (Western Political Thought) but you will get in on some very lively discussion and debate.

From tax reform to police brutality, various topics are reviewed by students who had better have their research "up to snuff" because it's every man for himself! Questions, arguments and disagreements are hurled at the speaker as though he were guest personality on "Face the Nation."

Under the supervision of Dr. Bruce Lancaster, a newcomer to the LSUS faculty, the class is somewhat unique in that its subject matter is presented by the students. Dr. Lancaster has had a colorful and exciting career in the U.S. Diplomatic Corps and has lived in key cities throughout the world. His long list of colleagues and acquaintances include political bigwigs from Stuttgart to

Copenhagen to Washington D.C.

The highest-level course in the Political Science department, Poli 427 touches upon every aspect of democracy and freedom known to man. The textbook, "Sources of Democracy," by Saul K. Padover, contains philosophies and theories of such men as Thomas Jefferson, Justice Hugo Black, Aristotle and even to Samuel Puffenforf.

Many important documents, such as the U.S. Constitution, a Catholic Declaration of Religious Freedom and the English Bill of Rights, are also included.

With heated debates on such controversial topics as abortion, euthanasia and women's lib, Poli 427 is far from the conventional run-of-the-mill, lecture-type class. Judging from student's responses, it's a stimulating, exasperating and mentally invigorating way to spend an hour.



The Christmas spirit arrives somewhat early this year, as members of the Student Louisiana Teachers Association decorate their tree. Most of the ornaments were handmade by Rena Tolbert, club historian (second from left). (photo: Deb Lunsford)

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Shreveport Symphony**Soloist featured**

The Shreveport Symphony and Shreveport Symphony Chorale will present two concerts this Sunday and Monday. American soprano Jeannine Crader will be guest soloist for the performances, to be held Sunday at 3 p.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Shreveport's Civic Theatre. Crader is "Artist in Residence" at North Texas State University and has sung in Europe and the United States.

The Chorale, which was founded 10 years ago, is under the direction of Norman Fisher. The orchestra will perform "Symphony in D Minor" by

Cesar Franck the first half of the program. The second half will feature Crader performing a solo in the Francis Poulenec "Gloria for Soprano Solo, Mixed Chorus and Orchestra."

Individual tickets will be available prior to both performances at the Civic Theatre Box Office. Adult tickets are \$8, student tickets are \$5. For further information, the Shreveport Symphony can be contacted at 869-2559. The next presentation of the Symphony will feature Abbey Simon, pianist, on February 2nd and 3rd.

SAU, SCEC present plays for children

Sigma Alpha Upsilon (SAU) and the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) presented a joint program for Northwest State for retarded children last Friday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the program according to Liz Fiebel, was to present Thanksgiving entertainment for the kids who were not able to go home for the holiday.

Four plays were performed including, The Three Bears, Raggedy Ann and Andy and Little Red Riding Hood with an audience of approximately 70 students, their attendants, and several parents and teachers.

Campus enrollment expands

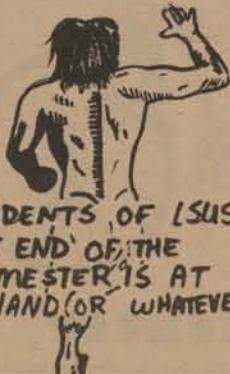
LSUS fall enrollment reached a record of 3,012, and as of the 14th class day, only 91 students had resigned.

According to the various colleges, the evening division claims the highest number — 702. It is followed by business administration (513), education (498), sciences (417), liberal arts (440) and general studies (297).

LSUS students come from 42 parishes. Caddo contributes most of them with 1,274, followed by Bossier with 326. Others are Webster with 33, DeSoto with 32 and Red River with 14.

About 44 states (with 380 students) other than Louisiana are represented. Texas leads, followed by Arkansas and California.

Nine foreign countries have students at LSUS. The countries are England, Germany, Formos, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, El Salvador and Okinawa.

**Artist and Lecturers****Committee deems efforts a success**

By Gina Gordey

Dr. Phillip Scherer, chairman of the Artists and Lecturers Committee, stated in an interview Tuesday that the committee "had a broad responsibility to the students, faculty and community" and that through the efforts of the committee members and those who helped, this semester was a success.

The faculty members of the committee are: Dr. Wayne Brown, Anita Harkness, Dr. Currie Thompson, Joe Patrick and Bill McCleary. The student members include: Rick Olin, official member, Steve Primos and Rebel Brown. The committee was assisted by: Mark Jones, George Leritte, Vivian Soderstrom of the Art Club and John Tabor, director of information services.

The attendance for the events was "pleasing," according to Dr. Scherer, with a full house for the George Gallup, Tom Horton and Bob Katz appearances.

Fiebel added, "The kids really enjoyed it."

work it takes to bring this sort of thing off smoothly is appreciated," Dr. Scherer stated.

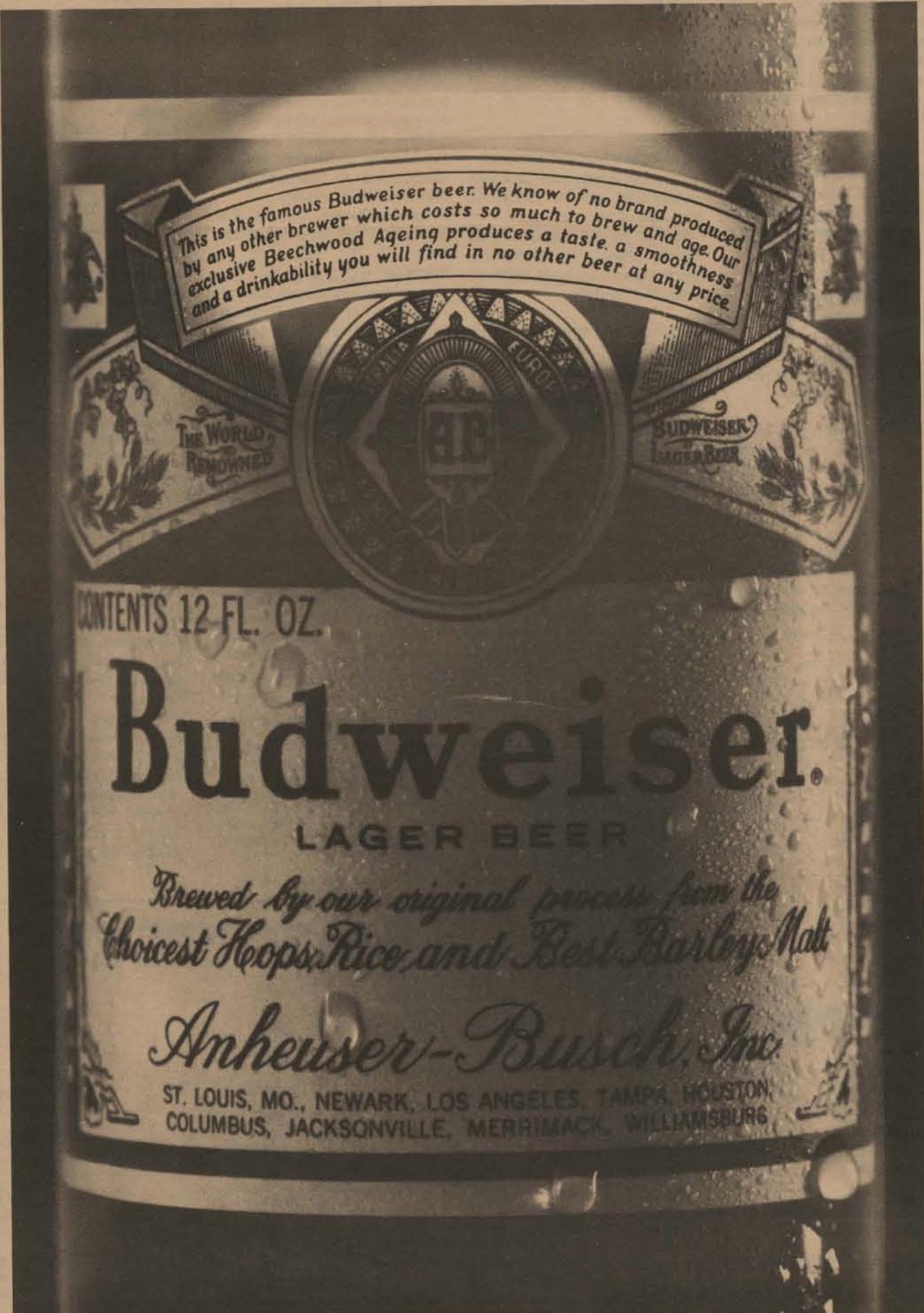
The complete agenda for next semester's schedule has not yet been chosen. The committee is expected to have Psychologist

Bruno Belheim to speak, and will bring local talent to the campus.

"Our money is limited for next semester. We made the choice to spend our money the first semester to make it worthwhile."



Charles Walker (left), LSUS Baptist Student Union (BSU) president, is a member of the state Baptist quartet "The Chosen," which has been selected by the Foreign Mission Board to sing behind the Iron Curtain. Other members of the group, which has also served in BSU summer missionaries in Louisiana and other areas, are (from left): Walker, Glenda Williamson, Deanna Nichollas and Jackie Haye.



Christian service program provides food, toys, clothes

By John Rials

"To serve the poor in a manner that ensures dignity, pride and self-worth, in a manner that demonstrates love, trust and hope in...the spirit of man," is the commitment of the Christian Service Program.

Organized in 1970 as a project of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish, the program now involves Jewish as well as Christian faiths. From a modest effort in a small poverty section of the city, the project has grown to be a coordinated ecumenical and civic concern throughout the greater Shreveport-Bossier area.

Assistance offered

The director of the program, Sister Margaret McCaffrey, said, "The program is simply structured and administered and is highly adaptable to provide immediate, emergency assistance to varied and changing needs; it acts as a supplement and adjunct to existing social, civic and governmental agencies."

Where a governmental agency is unable to help, the Christian Service Program gives direct personal aid to the poor regardless of race, religion or nationality.

The program's approach is person to person, assessing the degree of need by meeting with people in their homes. The three basic areas of assistance are food, clothing and housing.

Counseling provided

"Food is provided to alleviate actual hunger. Assistance and counseling in the acquisition of food coupons is also provided," explained Sister Margaret.

"Donated clothing," Sister Margaret added, "is available for all members of the family. Children's clothing and shoes are bought for school."

Rent and utility bills are sometimes paid and rent supplement housing is constantly being sought for families with

inadequate housing.

Individuals and businesses donate furniture and appliances which are repaired and given to the neediest families.

Health is concern

Health is another concern of the program. Medical, dental and optical examinations are arranged. Medicine, for those who cannot afford it, is provided by the program although the local medical association hopes to meet this need soon.

Eyeglasses, not usually available through a governmental agency, are also provided.

A poor man's supper, a Christmas toy program and a system of transportation are major projects of the program.

The poor man's supper annually attracts more than 1,500 people. The Jewish and Christian youth of the city sponsor the event and those attending receive a meal of the poor: a bowl of soup, a piece of bread and a cup of coffee. Musical entertainment is provided by area students.

Funds, brotherhood purposes

To raise funds and promote brotherhood are the two main purposes of the supper.

Staffed by 200 volunteers at various phases, the Christmas toy program delivers gifts to about 500 families.

"We prepare about 10,000 gifts each year," said Mrs. Delores Davis, coordinator of the toy program.

"Wheels" provides about 200 volunteers to furnish transportation for the unable. Transportation to hospitals, dental and mental health facilities and other emergency transportation is provided each day.

"Since this flexibility is considered fundamental, the

program remains unfunded by any national or governmental agency and depends entirely on personal donations for support."

Sister Margaret concluded, "The Christian Service Program is designed to answer personal needs. The program moves swiftly and efficiently to confront the problems of poverty.

According to Sister Margaret, "The program's simple, flexible organization enables the needs to be met quickly with direct service and personal care.

Strength in community

"Yet its strength lies in community interest, not only of those served, but of over 500 volunteers who are serving in the diversified projects of the program.

College Spotlight

Lake Charles, La. — According to The Contraband, the school paper of the McNeese State University SGA has included a judicial division where students can present various grievances for constitutional ruling.

Plans are also being discussed for forming lower courts, comparable to the Louisiana and local court system.

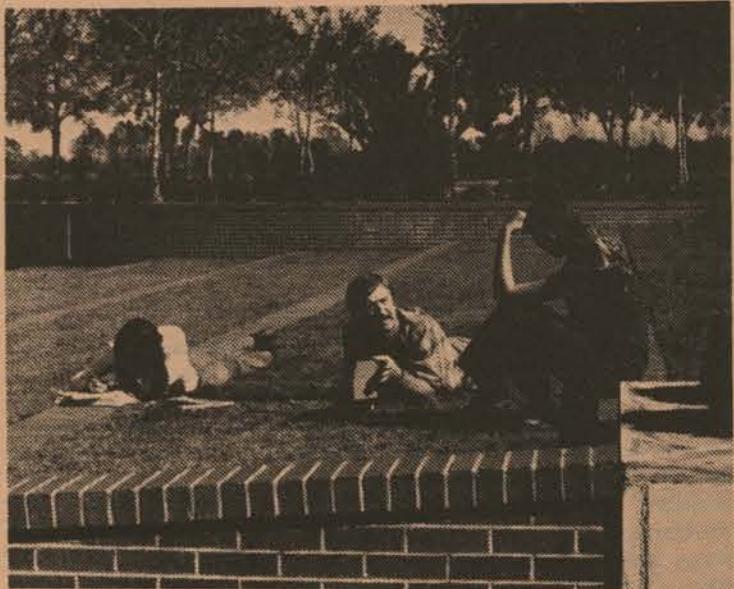
College Station, Tex. — The Battalion reports that the University Of Texas of the Permian Basin is getting their own private newspaper. All staff members of The Windmill walked out Tuesday to start an off-campus newspaper.

Chicago, Ill. — Henry Kissinger, secretary of state, officially opened the University of Chicago's fund raising drive. He addressed the campus on international energy policy.

About 200 demonstrators protested his speech across the street from the Pick Congress Hotel where Kissinger spoke.

Waco, Tex. — Baylor University students held an election for the title of Mr. Ugly, 1974-75. There was 5c fee to cast a ballot, and the money went to a service project that was to be given to a needy family through the "Family Practice Clinic."

Applications are now being taken for coordinator for the Student Entertainment Committee. Apply to the office of Student Affairs, LA 140. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 10.



As the autumn days come to an end, LSUS students spend the last few warm days lounging on the campus lawn. Students are seen all over campus studying for finals as the long semester comes to an end. (photo: Irvin Schueler)

Book Review

"Legend of Ledbetter"

By Mary Bowman

Difficult to classify

The *Midnight Special: The Legend of Ledbetter*. Richard M. Garvin and Edmond G. Addeo New York: Bernard Geis Associates.

Lady: What's the matter with your guitar? What's all this writing on it?

Val: Autographs of famous musicians. See this name here. Leadbelly?

Lady: Leadbelly?

Val: Greatest man ever lived on the twelve string guitar! Played it so good he broke the stone heart of a Texas Governor and won himself a pardon of jail.

From the play *Orpheus Descending* by Tennessee Williams.

Several weeks ago, the front page of The Shreveport Times carried for two consecutive days a story concerning Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter. My reaction to the story was similar to Lady's in the above lines. Leadbelly? The Times' story revealed that the Harrison County, Texas Historical Survey Committee had made plans to claim Leadbelly's body, rebury it, and erect a monument in his honor.

Somehow, the story made me feel uncomfortable, apprehensive, guilty. I felt that I had met someone and hadn't taken the time to know him well. Leadbelly? And why was a Texas group claiming the body of a Louisiana native? And why hadn't I heard more about this famous Louisiana musician? My nagging curiosity was abated when I discovered in LSUS's Library a copy of *The Midnight Special*.

The *Midnight Special* is much more than a vividly-described escapade of one man's sojourn in a too-difficult-to-live-in world. It is an interesting, if not accurate, portrayal of prison life in Louisiana and Texas. With imagination and scholarship these authors have woven a prison tale more woeful than Attica.

Descriptions heartbreaking

The description of living and working conditions in the Harrison County chain gang are heartbreaking. However, the details are cautiously selected.

In establishing credibility, the authors made use of such sources as The Shreveport Times, The Shreveport Journal, The Shreveport Magazine and relatives and friends of Leadbelly. Through these sources a vast amount of local history is revealed.

This is a worthwhile book to read for historians and music lovers alike. The man, Leadbelly, is as unforgettable as "Irene."

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Shreve Island Bicycle Center

Yuletide provides entertainment

Although Christmas vacation is generally a welcome relief for most students and faculty, the relief rapidly turns to boredom for some of those not working or vacationing.

For the area resident craving diverse entertainment, parades, light festivals, art shows and workshops are among many offerings for the Christmas season.

In Shreveport, a series of craft workshops will be offered in December and January by "1075," a craft instruction center. One workshop will concern off-loom techniques with fabrics. It will be conducted December 9, 10, 11 and 13, beginning at 9:30 a. m. each day. It will deal with all the creative techniques that can be incorporated into one fiber project.

A workshop for children in the second through sixth grades, entitled "Adventures in Clay for Kids," will run for four Saturdays, beginning Jan. 4 and finishing Jan. 25. The hours will be 10-11:30 a. m. each Saturday.

On Jan. 6, beginning at 10 a. m., a workshop in nonloom weaving will be held, and a one day course in Batik dyeing on Jan. 9.

A two session course, "Portraits in Clay," will be held Jan. 11 and 18.

Registration for all workshops is open to the public. "1075" is located at 1075 Dalzell St. and has lists of course descriptions and tuition fees in the center.

Art Shows

At the State Exhibit Museum, 3015 Greenwood Road, an exhibit by the Broadmoore Presbyterian Church Art Club will be open through Dec. 29 in the art gallery. Hours are 1-5 a. m. Sunday and 9 a. m. - 5 p. m. Mon. - Sat.

The Centenary Library Gallery will feature a graphics show by Centenary students through Jan. 2. It will be open daily.

Theatre

Shreveport Little Theatre is currently offering "6 Rms Riv Vu," a comedy. Performances will run Thursday through Saturday for the next two weeks at 8:15 p. m. each day. There is

also a Sunday Matinee on Dec. 15 at 2:15 p. m. The theatre is located at 812 Margaret Place.

Light festivals

Many, Louisiana will be the scene of the ninth annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 14. the parade will be held in downtown Many at 1 p. m. and will have U.S. Rep. Joe D. Waggoner as Grand Marshal. Bands and floats will be featured in the parade.

Following the Many parade, the annual Festival of Lights at Hodges Gardens will be held. The bulbs will be lit at 6 p. m. and remain on each night through Christmas Eve. An array of lights are located on the lakeshore and three-tiered garden structures, and a Nativity scene is included in the display. Hundreds of poinsettias will be arrayed among other exotic plants in the greenhouses.

Hodges Gardens is located on U. S. Hwy. 171 about 14 miles south of Many, halfway between Shreveport and Lake Charles.

Mansfield will hold its third annual Christmas Parade Friday, Dec. 6 at 5 p. m. Cars, floats and marching bands will take part in the parade. Participating dignitaries will include Sen. and Mrs. C. Kay Carter, Rep. and Mrs. Joe Cooper and Rep. and Mrs. Mutt Fowler.

Natchitoches will feature its 47th annual Festival of Lights on the banks of the Cane River. Exact dates and times for the festival were not available.

Music lovers will be pleased to learn that the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts will begin another season on Dec. 7. The first performance, "Romeo et Juliette," will be presented live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. The broadcasts will be received in the Ark-La-Tex via KWKH radio, starting 1 p. m. each Saturday. The opera

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Master program available

By Kay Owens

LSUS, through LSU Baton Rouge, will offer 18 continuing graduate courses for spring semester, 1975.

Although most graduate students are full-time workers, the logical time to offer these courses is at night, according to Dr. Vincent J. Marsala, dean of the College of General Studies.

Twenty-six area teachers will receive master of education degrees Dec. 20 from the LSU graduate program.

These degrees will be offered in the following areas of education: elementary education, secondary education, administration, supervision and guidance and counseling.

Courses offered for next semester are applicable to the Master of Education, Master of Business Administration and Social Welfare degrees.

Registration will be Jan. 8, at 5 p. m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium and a late registration fee of \$5 per course will be charged.

Applications for admission and brochures describing these courses may be obtained by contacting Marsala at 365-7121, ext. 306 or 307.

Forms and transcripts of all college work must be forwarded to Admissions, Office of the Registrar, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., 70803. Courses offered are listed below.

Graduate courses

Tuesday Night — 6:00-9 p.m.

Education 5025 — Modern Principles and Practices in the Elementary School

Education 7200 — Educational Measurement and Evaluation

Education 7403 — The School Principalship in Elementary and Secondary Schools or

Education 7333 — Analysis of the Individual

Education 5040 — Principles of Secondary Education or

Education 7810 — Current Trends in Secondary School Instruction

Management 7280 — Seminar in Business Policies

Library Science 7001 — Selection of Library Materials and Collection Development

Social Welfare 5204 — Social Work Intervention

Wednesday Night — 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Education 5000 — History of American Education

Education 5107 — Studies in the Teaching of Elementary School Social Studies or

Education 7140 — Studies in the Teaching of Social Studies in Secondary Schools

Education 5108 — Studies in the Teaching of Elementary School Language Arts

Education 7105 — Teaching Reading in the Elementary School

Education 7450 — Supervision of Instruction in Elementary and Secondary Schools

Quantitative Methods 3002 — Quantitative Methods in Business

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Spring IM calendar

Event	Entries Open	Entries Close	Play Begins
Basketball (Men & Women)	Jan. 7	Jan. 17	Jan. 21
Softball (Men & Women)	Jan. 7	Feb. 28	Mar. 12
Volleyball (Coed)	Jan. 7	Jan. 17	Jan. 21
Badminton	Jan. 7	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
Flag Football (Men & Women)	Jan. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 24
Table Tennis	Jan. 27	Feb. 7	Feb. 12
Foos Ball	Jan. 27	Feb. 7	Feb. 17
Track / Cross Country	Mar. 12	Apr. 1	+Apr. 5
Orientering	Mar. 31	Apr. 7	+Apr. 12
Air Hockey	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10
Chess	Feb. 3	Feb. 14	Feb. 18
Spades	Feb. 3	Feb. 14	Feb. 25
Bridge	Feb. 3	Feb. 14	Feb. 25
Bowling	TBA	Held at Tebbe's Bowlero	

+date subject to change

Football frustrates females

By ACE Edwards

"What is that?" I demanded, pointing to the 19-inch television.

My younger brother, eyes hypnotically affixed on the screen, calmly answered, "Football."

"THAT is football?" I shrieked. "It looks more like a demolition crew. What are they doing?"

"It's a first down, and they are lining up for the play," my brother dismissed me.

"First down? What's that mean? How many downs to an up? Who are those men in the striped shirts?" My endless prattle continued, badgering my brother. I was determined to destroy his concentration on a game that seemed so meaningless.

After all, whoever imagined grown men dressing in oversized shirts and tight pants, stuffed with various padding, adding a battle-type helmet—all the study and practice—to meet on an open field just to race up and down after an odd-shaped ball? And men complain because we occasionally change our minds. Ha!

Football would be a great game if all the padding afforded the players prevented broken legs, cut faces, bruised arms, torn ligaments and eventual arthritis. Women are too vain to cause harm to themselves.

After I explained the senselessness of football, my brother still sat, serene and determined, transfixed in front of the television, watching the game I so condemned. He then turned to face me and smiled, "You just don't understand the game. Go fix your face."



Volleyball at the Fort — like all other intramural activities — end this week for the completion in the fall semester. Competition will begin again next semester. (photo: Irv Schueler)



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Bowling

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Badminton

Badminton really has raised a different kind of racket. In the class tournament, Naynce Winkle and Carol Parlee defeated Gail Lyons and Ida Carter in 15-14, 15-10 games. Sherie Faulkinberry and Kathie Crane teamed to down Sandy Smith and Nancy Roberson in a three game series 5-15, 5-5, 15-8. Between two classes periods, Nancy and Carol met to defeat Sherie and Kathie.

The boys added to the tournament in two matches. Gary Madden and Jonnie Burleson won over Steve Everson and Tim Purdue, 15-8, 3-0. Tommy Brown and Dominic Salinas brought a 15-5, 15-2 win over Charles Walker and Jeff McKinnon.

Mixed doubles continues. A championship-consolation tournament is also scheduled.

Tennis

The class tennis tournament swings in one set matches. Ric Jordan and Bill Bragg downed David Childs and Baney Bates in a 6-1 meeting. Steve Wooley and Pat Wojtkiewicz defeated John Phillips and Bruce Redling in a 6-4 bout. Gerald Jones and Mark Stout won 6-0 blanking Todd Moore and Ray Lambrecht.

Girls competition is incomplete. In a regulation match, Kathy Johnson and Debbie Terenzio defeated Sherry Wilson and Karen Jenkins 6-3, 4-6, 6-0. Susan Linkwler and Kay Putman will play Janet Messer and Julie Wachtel. Debbie Pilgreen and Dorothy Bounds will play Karen Bashara and Sherran Emerson.

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